

**Announcements.**  
We are authorized to announce HON. WILLARD D. VANDIVER of Cape Girardeau county as a candidate for re-election to congress from this, the Fourteenth congressional district, subject to the action of the democratic congressional convention.

We are authorized to announce HON. MERRILL PIPKIN of St. Francois county as a candidate for judge of the Twenty-seventh judicial circuit, subject to the action of the democratic judicial convention.

**Congressional Call.**  
The democratic congressional committee of the Fourteenth district of Missouri is hereby called to meet at the Fraternal opera-house, in the city of Poplar Bluff, April 5, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of fixing the time and place for holding a convention to nominate a candidate for congress; also, to fix a basis of representation to said convention, and the transaction of such business as may come before the committee. GEO. C. ORCHARD, HENRY C. SCHULTZ, Chairman, Secretary.

WILL "Judge" J. Perry Johnson please tell us where he is at?

The news from Washington is just as confusing as a week ago. The commission of inquiry into the Maine disaster is said to have concluded its labors and sent report to Washington. There seems no likelihood of hostilities.

A dispatch to the Globe-Democrat says Hon. J. L. Fort, candidate for judge, carried Butler, J. Perry Johnson's home county, last Saturday. This, with Stoddard and Carter, gives Fort the nomination.

In his Nashville sermon, Sam Jones criticized Gov. Taylor for his generous use of the pardoning power. When asked about the matter, the governor said: "I think it comes in poor taste for Mr. Jones to talk this way. Had it not been for the pardoning power, Sam Jones would have been in hell long ago."

Tux democratic state convention has been called to meet at Springfield on Wednesday, Aug. 10. Just why it is slated for Springfield we are unable to say. When can we secure a state committee that may be induced to consult the comfort and convenience of the people? Every state convention should be held in St. Louis.

In this issue we announce Hon. Merrill Pipkin of Farmington as a candidate for judge of this circuit. Mr. Pipkin visited our county last week and made a very favorable impression. He is a gentleman of fine appearance and good address, and his democracy, we are assured, is beyond question. He has had thorough training in his profession, and, if selected, we have no doubt that he would make an acceptable officer.

At the head of this column will be found the announcement of Hon. W. D. Vandiver as a candidate for re-election to congress. Mr. Vandiver has served the district faithfully, as is fully proven by the tone of the democratic papers in the different counties, and there is but one opinion as to his return. Few men have attained his rank in their first congressional term, and his constituents recognize the fact that in him they have a representative who can and will accomplish much good for the district.

In other judicial districts in Missouri are as fortunate in their presiding officers as the Twenty-first and Twenty-seventh, the state is certainly to be congratulated. One rarely meets two such gentlemen as Judges Fox and Green, on or off the bench, and a short semi-annual visit from either is hailed with delight. To say the old man enjoyed Judge Green's visits last week is drawing it too mildly, and now he looks forward prayerfully to the complete restoration of Judge Fox's health and his September term.

**Some Cold Facts.**

In the house of representatives, Jan. 22, Hon. W. C. Adamson of Georgia delivered a speech, pending the discussion of the Indian appropriation bill, which has rarely ever been surpassed in sound logic. In his array of facts his remarks turned upon the financial question, and he has given the plutocrat, the goldbug, the single standard patriot and the sound money oligarch such a castigation as they have not had in many a year, and he has shown them up in their true colors. This speech should be made a campaign document and sent to the four corners of the nation and should be read by every voter in the United States.

We shall give but a few extracts from it, simply to show the trend of his ideas. He says:  
Now, while the mention of financial disasters remind me of the

savages, the savages in turn remind me of the financial disturbers, who prey alike upon the substance of all men—red, white, and black—without regard to race, color, or previous condition of servitude; all of whom need an honest and stable currency—not what is called "sound" currency.

In speaking of the source of financial trouble the speaker said:  
From William street and the offices of several shining lights among the speculators the president and congress receive copious and frequent batches of information as to what is best for so-called commercial interests, and how to run the government so as to frustrate the schemes of either the bulls nor the bears, but ignoring all questions of right and progress as to the people.

Their time is all seasons. They own and operate no railroads, but they gamble in the stocks and bonds wreck the companies and reduce to beggary stockholders, widows and orphans. They own and operate no farms, they engage in no productive industry, in fact "they toil not, neither do they spin," but they are much sweeter and purer than "the lilies of the field," and "Solomon in all his glory" was never half so wise or honest as they. That must be true, for they say so themselves, and they admit that they are the most truthful people on earth.

But they are wise and honest and patriotic and benevolent. They love the poor, for they have often said so, and they are very anxious for the poor man to have a sound dollar to pay on what he owes them. Concern for the poor man has signified that class through all history from Dives to his successors, whose wisdom and honest take care of everything for us to day.

**Champ Clark on Vandiver.**

In a letter to the American Press association, written by Hon. Champ Clark, we find the following kind words for our congressman:

Among the "scholars in politics" in congress who are forging to the front as practical business men as well as forceful debaters is W. D. Vandiver, a new Missouri member. He never held any office until in 1896, when from a large field he was nominated and elected to congress. He was for many years professor and president of a Missouri normal college.

He looks like a scholar. In manner of speaking as well as in his personal appearance he resembles Hon. William L. Wilson, for ten years a member of congress, once chairman of the ways and means committee, afterward postmaster general, and now president of Washington and Lee university, only the Missourian is taller and more sinewy than the West Virginian. In recognition of his scholarship Speaker Reed assigned Vandiver to the committee on education.

Naturally he takes great interest in educational matters. He participated in the debate on the Loud bill, helping lay it out in death. He said, in part:

By the admission of these little booklets, not trashy novels, as the gentleman would have you believe, sent to the schools of this country, the children of America have been enabled for the last eight or ten years to receive at cheap rates the best literature of ancient and modern times. They have put into their hands the works of Milton, Burke, Macaulay and the best poets of America and England.

But by this bill you deprive them of that privilege, you discriminate against the best works of literature and allow the cheap, trashy novels to come in simply because they are new. You have admitted by the rulings of the postoffice department the best literature of the country to come to these children, and now you propose to strike it down in order to save a little more of the Dingley deficit. I raise my voice in behalf of this educational movement, and when I do so the gentleman tries to cover up the question by declaring it to be for the admission of trashy literature.

Your bill admits to the post office the poorest the silliest twaddle of yellow journalism and the trash of the latest and vilest penny a page novelist simply because it is new. But you have ruled out the greatest works of Macaulay, Milton and Burke, the best writings, the brightest gems of Dan Chandler, the morning star of song, whose sweet breath preluded those melodious bursts which filled the spacious times of great Elizabeth with sounds that echo still.

That strikes me as a piece of first rate English and contains as much practical wisdom as could be packed into such small space. Vandiver is once more demonstrating the utilitarian character of "the scholar in politics."

**How We Once Took Havana.**

In 1762 soldiers from the American colonies which afterward became the United States captured Havana under English leadership, and men of Massachusetts hauled down the Spanish flag from Morro Castle. The story is well worth recalling, because it shows how bravely and successfully our ancestors fought against Spain, and because it warns us against dragging out negotiations and preparation until the deadly rainy season sets in. The following is from Bancroft, vol. III:  
"Assembling the fleet and transports at Martinique and off Cape St. Nicholas, Admiral Pownall sailed directly through the Bahamas

strait and on the sixth day of June came in sight of the low coast around Havana. The Spanish forces for the defense of the city were about forty-six hundred; the English had 11,000 effective men and were recruited by nearly a thousand negroes from the Leeward islands and by 1,500 from Jamaica. Before the end of July the needed reinforcements arrived from New York and New England; among these was Putnam, the brave ranger of Connecticut, and numbers of men less happy, because never destined to revisit their homes.

"On the 13th of July, after a siege of twenty-nine days, during which the Spaniards lost a thousand men, and the brave Don Luis de Velasco was mortally wounded, the Morro Castle was taken by storm. On the 11th of August the governor of Havana capitulated, and the most important station in the West Indies fell into the hands of the English. At the same time nine ships of the line and four frigates were captured in the harbor. The property belonging to the king of Spain was estimated at \$10,000,000.

"The siege was conducted in midsummer, against a city which lies just within the tropics. The country around the Morro Castle is rocky. To build and carry the fascines was of itself a work of incredible labor, made possible only by aid of African slaves. Sufficient earth to hold the fascines firm was gathered with difficulty from crevices in the rocks. Once, after a drought of fourteen days, the grand battery took fire by the flames, and, crackling and spreading where water could not follow it, our earth still it, was wholly consumed.

"The climate spoiled a great part of the provision. Wanting good water very many died in agonies from thirst. More fell victims to a putrid fever, of which the malignity left but three or four hours between robust health and death. Some wasted away with loathsome disease.

"Over the graves the carrion crows hovered and often scratched away the scanty earth which rather hid than buried the dead. Hundreds of carcasses floated on the ocean. And yet such was the enthusiasm of the English, such the resolute zeal of the sailors and soldiers, such the unity of action between the fleet and the army, that vertical sun of June and July, the heavy rains of August, raging fever and strong and well-defended fortresses, all the obstacles of nature and art, were surmounted and the most decisive victory of the war was gained."

**The Blue and The Gray.**

Gen. Burnside Post G. A. R. Department of North Dakota, has discarded all sectionalism and impelled by a patriotic spirit, both broad and generous, at a recent regular meeting unanimously passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, first, that we ask as a patriotic measure, that the government of the United States invite all soldiers of the war of the rebellion, both Union and Confederate, to Washington as guests of the Union for one week, beginning the first of July, 1900.

2. That on the fourth independence day of that year the president, his cabinet and the surviving generals of both armies review the grand old armies as they march down Pennsylvania avenue, each army dressed as near as convenient to their former colored uniforms, but all under "Old Glory," the flag of the Union.

3. That we urge all G. A. R. posts and patriotic citizens to help carry this into effect.

4. That congress be petitioned and urged by patriotic influences to appropriate the money necessary to defray all expenses.

**American Patents.**

The annual report of the commissioner of patents, recently laid before congress, shows that not less than 23,729 patents were granted to American inventors during the past year.

In proportion to population, Connecticut heads the list of states contributing to swell the number of patents granted to successful applicants. In Connecticut 1 patent was granted to every 786 inhabitants. Next in order ranks Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, New Jersey and New York.

There is no country on the globe which surpasses the United States in the genius of invention. This is manifest from the countless devices on file in the patent office in Washington. Most of the patents issued during the past year by the United States government were awarded to electricians. This is due to the fact that the study of electricity has, for the time being, overshadowed other investigations; and in all probability what is true of the patents issued during the past year will be true of the patents issued for some time to come.

When American ingenuity is exhausted there will be no more patents issued either on this or the other side of the water and what the future holds in store for us in the way of patents can only be conjectured.

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Plenty of talk of war with Spain and patriotism is fairly oozing out of some of the boys.

We have a good community here—everybody attending strictly to his own business, and assisting, but never hindering, his neighbor. We don't lock and bar our doors when night comes, because we are secure in the honesty of our neighbors.

The criminal docket of our county would be blank if it depended on this community.

Our biggest kickers over hard times are the men who shouted the loudest and longest for the single gold standard. They should take their medicine without a groan.

On account of the continued rain the farmers are getting behind with their crops.

Dr. F. M. O'Kelly is going to build him a new residence here in the near future.

Christian Seabough's family has the measles.

The wife of James Gibbs is very low with pneumonia fever.

Bollinger & Robinson bought G. H. Limbaugh's store. I wish the boys success.

Died—On the 12th, Mrs. Loreta Wilson, beloved wife of Henry Wilson. She leaves an affectionate husband, six children and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Travis Robinson is attending school at Sedgewickville.

Died—On the 19th, of pneumonia, David Adams. He leaves a wife, several children and a number of friends.

Joseph Robinson and several other Pattonites attended Circuit court last week.

G. H. Limbaugh has moved the postoffice in the Hick's building.

SEDEWICKVILLE.

As I have not seen anything in your paper from this place for some time, I send you a few items.

Health is good with the exception of a few cases of measles.

Several men and boys attended court from here last week.

Florence Seabough closed a successful term of school in the Rye district last Wednesday.

The subscription school began March 14, under the management of Prof. Lyndon, an able scholar and teacher. Enrollment twenty-seven.

Rev. J. K. Matthews was in town last Wednesday engaging board for Rev. Collard, an evangelist from Texas.

Ed J. Seabough closed a successful term of school here last Friday.

The stove peddlers seem to be doing a large business here.

On account of high water our mail was delayed Saturday.

Henry Bollinger of near here has sold his farm to Mrs. Limbaugh and has bought David Cheek's place near Marble Hill.

JERRY MINE.

POTATOE PLANTING.

Potatoe planting was the 17th. Too much rain for preaching in the new church last Sunday.

Dr. A. J. Smith of Farmington is visiting friends here.

Thomas Standif, Jr., went to Flat River mines to make his stake.

The first day he commenced work the rock broke and falling killed four men; also injuring Tom, who is back at home to stay.

A. J. Sanders of Sikeston is here buying work mules to take south.

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Dr. Chandler of Lutesville made a professional call in this neighborhood Saturday.

UNION RIDGE.

We will shake off the spell of drowsiness and try to write once more.

The continuing patter of rain drops on our window makes the days long and dreary.

What's the matter with all the correspondents? Rouse yourselves from the lethargy and continue to give the news from all over our grand old country.

David Cheek has sold his farm and will sell his personal property on April 1, before leaving for Indian territory.

Ed Teeters is up from Arbor on a visit to his father's family.

Madames Johnson and Wright are visiting their sister, Mrs. Phelps of Leopold.

Misses Belle and Ollie Rogers visited Mrs. Sallie Martin last week.

R. L. Teeters closed a successful term of school in the Chostner district last Friday.

Misses Radie and Lillie Cheek and C. Scholze were visiting at I. Teeter's Sunday.

John Rogers is staying with his sister, Lina, and is very low with consumption.

Most all of our neighbors have some garden made.

C. M. Johnson has been working on the roads in the north part of the district.

Health in this settlement is very good now, with the exception of colds.

And now William says that Miss E. is the best and the sweetest little girl he ever saw. Ha, ha!

Our boys that are attending the Mayfield-Smith academy can not give it too much praise. We hope it will continue to grow and make a grand success. TOOD AND TOOD.

"My Old Kentucky Home."

The house is still standing near Bardonia, Ky., where Stephen Collins Foster wrote the world-famous song, "My Old Kentucky Home." It is known as Federal Hill, the residence place of the Rowan family for almost a century.

In the late '50's, only five or six years before his death, Foster, then living in Pennsylvania, was invited by the Rowans to pay an extended visit to Federal Hill. On this visit his sister Eliza accompanied him, and the stay in old Kentucky.

Foster often said, was one of the most pleasant periods of his life. Surrounded by all that was beautiful, it was easy for the man who had given expression to so many soul-stirring southern melodies—"Old Folks at Home," "Massa's in the Cold Ground," etc.—to compose the tribute to the mansion of the Blue Grass that will endure as long as Kentucky can produce a single voice capable of humming its sweet notes. It is doubtless probable that Foster composed the three verses of "My Old Kentucky Home" in quite as many days, and gave a fitting musical expression to the words employed as rapidly as his pencil dropped the lines. He was inspired alike by the beautiful sunshine of the mornings and the yellow moonlight of the nights that fell upon Federal Hill, by the waving grain, the hush of the corn, the negroes performing their duties, the lazy little darkeys in the cabins, and finally by the warbling of the mocking bird, the thrush's mellow song and the life-like notes of the Kentucky cardinal, made world renowned by James Lane Allen; and the writing of the melody, as many must have been a labor of love.

"My Old Kentucky Home" is characterized by melancholy. Foster seems to have had a presentiment that the days of slavery were numbered, and although a northerner by birth regretted in his song the coming of the day when the darkeys would "sing no more by the glimmer of the moon, on the bench by the old cabin door." The song complete is as follows:

The sun shines bright on my old Kentucky home;  
'Tis summer, the darkeys are all gay,  
The corn top's ripe and the meadow's in the bloom,  
While the birds are making music all the day;  
The young folks roll on the little cabin floor,  
All merry, all happy, all bright;  
Byn byn hard times comes a-knocking at the door—  
Then, my old Kentucky home, good night.

Chorus—  
Weep no more, my lady; oh, weep no more to-day;  
We'll sing you one song for the old Kentucky home;  
For our old Kentucky home, far away.

They hunt no more for the possum and the coon,  
On the meadow, the hill and the shore;  
They sing no more by the glimmer of the moon,  
On the bench by the old cabin door;  
The days go by like a shadow o'er the heart,  
With sorrow where all was delight;  
The time has come where the darkeys have to part,  
Then, my old Kentucky home, good night.

The head must bow, and the back will have to bend,  
Wherever the darkeys may go;  
A few more days and the trouble all will end,  
In the field where the sugar cane grows.  
A few days more to taste the weary load—  
No matter, it will never be light;  
A few more days till we utter on the road—  
Then, my old Kentucky home, good night.

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